

# IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 2nd April 2017

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## **Silent Key – Donnacha EI6HQ**

The death has occurred of Donnacha Brosnan EI6HQ, of Ragoon, Galway and formerly of Killarney Rd, Castleisland. Donnacha passed away on 17th March at University Hospital Galway. He was a former member of the Kerry Amateur Radio Group. He will be sadly missed by his family and many friends.

May he rest in peace

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## **IRTS Annual General Meeting 2017**

The 85th IRTS AGM takes place next weekend, 8/9 April 2017, in the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Green Park, Dundalk.

The very last dinner tickets are awaiting to be purchased. To avoid any disappointment, please contact any IRTS committee member. You may also contact any member of Dundalk Amateur Radio Society. [www.ei7dar.com](http://www.ei7dar.com)

Up to date information is available on [www.irts.ie/agm](http://www.irts.ie/agm)

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## **Publications Library**

Some weeks back, we announced the launch of the IRTS Publications Library at [www.irts.ie/library](http://www.irts.ie/library) which includes scanned copies of IRTS publications up to the year 2000. The big gap in the library is now the 1970s; Séamus EI8BP or Joe EI7GY would like to hear from anyone with newsletters or other IRTS publications from the missing years.

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## **Kerry Amateur Radio Group**

At last weekends KARG monthly meeting (Sat 25th), Tom EI3AL gave a very good presentation on his recent Arduino keyer project. A good discussion was had on upcoming KARG events.

The first event will be the Maurice Collins Vintage Day at Banna on Easter Sunday

(16th April), where KARG will set up two working stations for display to the public, in an effort to promote the hobby locally.

The following day, Easter Monday, KARG plan to participate in the annual 2M IRTS Counties Contest.

The week after that, KARG will participate in the International Marconi Day (Sat 22nd Apr) as an award station, using the call EI6YXQ from Ballybunion. YXQ was the original callsign used by Marconi in 1919 from Ballybunion, to make the first telephonic transmission East to West across the Atlantic. KARG will run several stations covering SSB/CW and Data modes. Visitors and members from other clubs are very welcome to come along and join in the fun.

The next KARG meeting will be held on Sat 29th April in Killarney at 11am.

KARG would also like to welcome its newest members Krishna EI4HAB and Sukumar (SWL) to the club.

For further information see [www.KerryAmateurRadioGroup.com](http://www.KerryAmateurRadioGroup.com) or our facebook page

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### **Lough Erne Rally Sunday 14th May 2017**

The 36th Lough Erne Radio Rally will take place at the SHARE Centre, near Lisnaskea, County Fermanagh BT92 0EQ on Sunday 14th May. Doors open at 11.30am. For more information and to book tables contact Mark EI4HDB QTHR. [www.learc.eu](http://www.learc.eu)

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### **Limerick Radio Club**

Please note that, due to the Easter holiday period, the regular meeting of Limerick Radio Club will be held on the 1st Thursday in April – which is 6th of April. [www.limerickradioclub.ie](http://www.limerickradioclub.ie)

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### **Causeway Coast and Glens ARC Rally**

This Rally takes place on Sunday 28th May 2017 at the Bushmills Community Centre, 14 Dunluce Road, Bushmills County Antrim BT57 8QG. Doors open at 11am and admission is just £3. The usual bring and buy and traders stalls.

More information on [causewaycoastandglen.wixsite.com/home](http://causewaycoastandglen.wixsite.com/home)

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## **DX News**

Haru JA1XGI will be active as P29VXG from New Britain Island in Papua New Guinea from 6th – 12th April. The IOTA reference is OC-008 and QSLs go via the home call.

Steve JS6TMW will operate from the island of Montserrat as VP2MKX. He hopes to be on 20, 17 and 15m. Look for him from 2nd - 7th April.

Also in the Caribbean this week will be PJ7/VA3QSL from St Martin island. Jeff will be QRV on all bands 40 - 6m SSB, CW and Digital. QSL to the home call.

Eliot W1MJ will sign CE0Y/W1MJ from Easter Island from 2nd - 6th April. He will try 40, 30, 20 and 15m CW on QRP on this family vacation.

Chung VA7YM will visit Vanuatu on vacation from 6th - 17th April. He will use the callsign YJ0YM and his QSL Manager is EA5GL.

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## **Course Guide for the Amateur Radio Station Licence Examination**

On Hamradio.ie you have available to you vast resources should you be studying for the amateur radio station licence examination. Notes are available for the Student and Instructor notes. A comprehensive course guide is also available. Take a look at [www.hamradio.ie](http://www.hamradio.ie) , which is owned and managed by IRTS.

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Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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